

South Dakota Corn Utilization Council Board of Directors Meeting VIA ZOOM January 20, 2022

- I. SDCUC President Grant Rix called the meeting to order via ZOOM at 1:34 PM on Thursday, January 20, 2022.
 - Roll Call – DaNita Murray called roll with the following members on the zoom call:
Jim Klebsch, Reno Brueggeman, Robert Walsh, Justin Minnaert, Chad Blindauer, Grant Rix, Jim Ketelhut, Stuart Samson
 - **Absent:** None
 - **Others:** DaNita Murray, Mike Jaspers, Travis Paulson, Doug Noem, Nicholas Fickbohm, Gerry Heuer, Brenda Kruse
- II. Election procedure when director's terms is expired.
 - **Board seats for Districts 1, 2 and 3 are open.** Gerry Heuer reported that petitions from the following candidates have been received: District 1 – Nicholas Fickbohm, District 2 – Justin Minnaert, District 3 – Douglas Noem and Travis Paulson. Petitions were reviewed and verification processes discussed. All petitions were approved after a motion by Jim Ketelhut, second by Robert Walsh. Motion carried unanimously.
 - **Two candidates submitting petitions for District 3, will require a runoff election.** A NOTICE OF ELECTION was presented by Brenda Kruse. After review, the NOTICE will appear in the following publications:
 - CODINGTON: Watertown Public Opinion
 - HAMLIN: Herald-Enterprise in Castlewood
 - BROOKINGS: Brookings Register
 - KINGSBURY: Kingsbury Journal in DeSmet
 - DEUEL: Clear Lake Courier
 - Farm Forum/Green Sheet
 - Tri-State Neighbor

- **Determination made on how to request a ballot.**
Ballots may be requested from the SD Corn office via e-mail, by phone or US Postal Service, however, all ballots must be returned via US Postal Service and postmarked no later than February 15, 2022.
- **Ballot position shall be determined by lot.**
President Rix assigned a color, either red or blue, to the District 3 candidates, and asked Justin Minnaert to choose a color. Minnaert chose blue, which was assigned to Travis Paulson; thus Paulson will be the top name to appear on the ballot, followed by Noem. After a motion by Justin Minnaert, second by Reno Brueggeman, and carried unanimously, the notice and ballot were approved.
- **Election Results/Judges process was agreed upon.**
After a motion by Reno Brueggeman, second by Jim Kettelhut and carried unanimously, all ballots postmarked by February 15th and received by 10:00 AM, February 23, 2022 will be tallied in the SDCUC board room by a 3-person panel of judges, consisting of 1 representative from each of 3 local financial institutions. Mike Jaspers was assigned to secure the panel of judges. Results of the election will be reported to the SDCUC at their board meeting on February 24th, 2022.

- III. **Public Comments** - President Rix asked for any comments from the public that may have joined the meeting. There were none.
- IV. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Ketelhut, seconded by Stuart Samson and approved unanimously at 2:24 PM.